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Subj: Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants Program (NACIP)

Dear Dr. Levine:

On 24 May 1983, the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point forwarded the final report for the Initial Assessment Study (first phase) under the Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants Program. As indicated in that initial assessment, 14 sites at Cherry Point were recommended for Confirmation Studies (second phase - NACIP). This phase is scheduled to begin in August of this year.

Your attention is directed to Site No. 21 of the Cherry Point Initial Assessment Study. This site, a landfill which has been closed for over six years, was originally a borrow area that was converted to waste disposal for unknown quantities and types of waste for approximately 20 years. This site is located north of Highway 101, south of Cherry Point Runway 32 and adjacent to property owned by Westminster Corporation. A one-time sampling of this area and of water impounded in a nearby borrow pit owned by Westminster Corporation indicates the presence of low level concentrations of organic pollutants. No second sampling has been performed at either site and the possibility of recurrence of these materials is not known at this time.

The North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and Westminster Corporation are being notified by separate letters of our findings and concern. Further investigation of the situation at this site will be carried out in conjunction with the NACIP, Phase II Confirmation Study, scheduled to begin in August of this year.

Because of the dependence of the Air Station and local community on groundwater as the sole source of potable water and the possibility that contaminants may affect groundwater sources, this Command is vitally concerned with the outcome of our studies. It is therefore recommended that your agency review nearby potable drinking water sources adjacent to this land site for a possible testing program.

You may be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation and, should problem areas be confirmed, measures will be undertaken to control and

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mitigate potential contamination. Should additional information or coordination be necessary, please contact Mr. Doug Nelson at (919) 466-3631/4186. Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Director of I&L  
By direction of the  
Commanding General